

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A method of generating one or more new digital still images using an original digitally-acquired still image including a face, comprising the steps of:

(a) identifying one or more groups of pixels that correspond to a face within the original digitally-acquired still image, including determining within the one or more groups of pixels (i) a relationship between two or more facial features, (ii) a structurally-invariant facial feature, or (iii) a correlation with a stored standard or learned face pattern, of the one or more groups of pixels, or combinations thereof;

(b) based on the identifying of the one or more groups of pixels that correspond to a face and at least on information relating to location, position, orientation, or other spatial parameter of the face, or focus, white balance, color balance, or exposure of the face, or combinations thereof, selecting a portion of the original still image for processing to include the group of pixels; and

(c) automatically generating values of pixels of one or more new still images based on the selected portion in a manner which always includes the face within the one or more new still images which differ from the original digitally-acquired still image by including at least one group of pixels modified at least in their location, position, orientation, or other spatial parameter of the face, or focus, white balance, color balance, or exposure of the face, or combinations thereof, as compared with the one or more groups of pixels identified in the original digitally-acquired still image.

Claim 2 (original): A method as recited in claim 1, further comprising gradually displaying a transformation between said original digitally-acquired image and one or more new images.

Claim 3 (original): A method as recited in claim 2, further comprising adjusting parameters of said transformation between said original digitally-acquired image and one or more new images.

Claim 4 (currently amended): A method as recited in claim 3, wherein said parameters of said transformation between said original digitally-acquired image and one or more new images being selected from a set of at least one or more criteria including timing or blending or a combination thereof.

Claim 5 (currently amended): A method as recited in claim 4, wherein said blending including dissolving, flying, swirling, appearing, flashing, or screening, or combinations thereof.

Claim 6 (currently amended): The method of claim 5, wherein the selected portion comprising a zoom region and a new image comprising a zoomed image including the face enlarged by the zooming.

Claim 7 (original): The method of claim 6, further comprising:

(d) determining a point of rotation and an amount of rotation after which another image is automatically generated including a rotated version of the face.

Claim 8 (original): The method of claim 6, further comprising:

(d) determining one or more further new images each including a new group of pixels corresponding to the face; and

(e) automatically panning using the one or more further new images.

Claim 9 (currently amended): The method of claim 8, wherein each of the one or more further new images including pixels corresponding to features different from at least one other image of the one or more further new images.

Claim 10 (original): The method of claim 8, further comprising:

(f) determining a point of rotation and an amount of rotation after which another image is automatically generated including a rotated version of the face.

Claim 11 (currently amended): The method of claim 6, further comprising ~~the step of~~ determining a point of rotation and an amount of rotation such that the generating ~~manipulating~~ of the values of the pixels automatically generates a new image including a rotated version of the face by rotating the image about said point of rotation by said amount of rotation.

Claim 12 (original): The method of claim 11, further comprising:

(d) determining one or more further new images each including a new group of pixels corresponding to the face; and

(e) automatically panning using the one or more further new images.

Claim 13 (currently amended): The method of claim 12, wherein each of the one or more further new images including pixels corresponding to features different from at least one other image of the one or more further new images.

Claim 14 (currently amended): The method of claim 6, wherein the generating ~~manipulating~~ of the values generating one or more new images each including a new group of pixels corresponding to the face, and further comprising ~~the step of~~ generating a panning sequence comprising a sequence of at least two of the original image and the one or more new images.

Claim 15 (currently amended): The method of claim 14, wherein each of the one or more new images including pixels corresponding to features different from at least one other image of the one or more new images.

Claim 16 (withdrawn): A method of generating one or more new digital images using an original digitally-acquired image including a face, comprising the steps of:

(a) identifying one or more groups of pixels that correspond to two or more faces within the original digitally-acquired image;

(b) selecting a portion of the original image to include the group of pixels;
and

(c) automatically generating values of pixels of one or more new images based on the selected portion in a manner which always includes at least one of the two or more faces within the one or more new images or a panning intermediate image between two of the faces of said two or more identified faces or a combination thereof.

Claim 17 (withdrawn): The method of claim 16, further comprising panning between the two or more identified faces.

Claim 18 (withdrawn): The method of claim 16, further comprising panning from a first face to a second face of the two or more identified faces, and zooming the second face.

Claim 19 (withdrawn): The method of claim 16, further comprising de-zooming a first face and panning to a second face, each of the two or more identified faces.

Claim 20 (withdrawn): The method of claim 19, further comprising zooming the second face.

Claim 21 (withdrawn): The method of claim 16, said panning comprising identifying a panning direction parameter between said two of the identified faces.

Claim 22 (withdrawn): The method of claim 21, said panning further comprising sequencing along the identified panning direction between the two identified faces according to the identified panning direction parameter.

Claim 23 (currently amended): A method of providing an option for generating one or more new digital still images using an original digitally-acquired still image including a face, comprising:

(a) identifying one or more groups of pixels that correspond to a face within the original digitally-acquired still image, including determining within the one or more groups of pixels (i) a relationship between two or more facial features, (ii) a structurally-invariant facial feature, or (iii) a correlation with a stored standard or learned face pattern, of the one or more groups of pixels, or combinations thereof;

(b) based on the identifying of the one or more groups of pixels that correspond to a face and at least on information relating to location, position, orientation, or other spatial parameter of the face, or focus, white balance, color balance, or exposure of the face, or combinations thereof, selecting a portion of the original still image for processing to include the group of pixels; and

(c) automatically providing an option for generating values of pixels of one or more new still images based on the selected portion in a manner which always includes the face within the one or more new still images which differ from the original digitally-acquired still image by including at least one group of pixels

modified at least in their location, position, orientation, or other spatial parameter of the face, or focus, white balance, color balance, or exposure of the face, or combinations thereof, as compared with the one or more groups of pixels identified in the original digitally-acquired still image.

Claim 24 (currently amended): The method of claim 23, wherein the selected portion comprising a zoom region and a suggested new image comprising a zoomed image including the face enlarged by the zooming.

Claim 25 (original): The method of claim 24, further comprising:

(d) determining a point of rotation and an amount of rotation after which another suggested image includes a rotated version of the face.

Claim 26 (original): The method of claim 24, further comprising:

(d) determining one or more further suggested new images each including a new group of pixels corresponding to the face; and

(e) automatically providing an option for generating a panning sequence using at least two of the original image and the one or more further suggested new images.

Claim 27 (currently amended): The method of claim 26, wherein each of the one or more further suggested new images including pixels corresponding to features different from at least one other image of the one or more further suggested new images.

Claim 28 (original): The method of claim 26, further comprising:

(f) determining a point of rotation and an amount of rotation after which another suggested image includes a rotated version of the face.

Claim 29 (currently amended): The method of claim 23, further comprising the ~~step of~~ determining a point of rotation and an amount of rotation such that the generating manipulating of the values of the pixels automatically providing an option to generate a new image including a rotated version of the face by rotating the image about said point of rotation by said amount of rotation.

Claim 30 (original): The method of claim 29, further comprising:

(d) determining one or more further suggested new images each including a new group of pixels corresponding to the face; and

(e) automatically providing an option for generating a panning sequence using at least two of the original image and the one or more further suggested new images.

Claim 31 (currently amended): The method of claim 30, wherein each of the one or more further suggested new images including pixels corresponding to features different from at least one other image of the one or more further suggested new images.

Claim 32 (currently amended): The method of claim 23, wherein the generating manipulating of the values for generating one or more new images each including a new group of pixels corresponding to the face, and further comprising the ~~step of~~ automatically providing an option for generating a panning sequence comprising a sequence of at least two of the original image and the one or more new images.

Claim 33 (currently amended): The method of claim 32, wherein each of the one or more new images including pixels corresponding to features different from at least one other image of the one or more new images.

Claim 34 (withdrawn): A method of providing an option for generating one or more new digital images using an original digitally-acquired image including a face, comprising:

(a) identifying one or more groups of pixels that correspond to two or more faces within the original digitally-acquired image;

(b) selecting a portion of the original image to include the group of pixels;
and

(c) automatically providing an option for generating values of pixels of one or more new images based on the selected portion in a manner which always includes at least one of the two or more faces within the one or more new images or a panning intermediate image between two of the faces of said two or more identified faces or a combination thereof.

Claim 35 (withdrawn): The method of claim 34, further comprising panning between the two or more identified faces.

Claim 36 (withdrawn): The method of claim 34, further comprising panning from a first face to a second face of the two or more identified faces, and zooming the second face.

Claim 37 (withdrawn): The method of claim 34, further comprising de-zooming a first face and panning to a second face, each of the two or more identified faces.

Claim 38 (withdrawn): The method of claim 37, further comprising zooming the second face.

Claim 39 (withdrawn): The method of claim 34, said panning comprising identifying a panning direction parameter between said two of the identified faces.

Claim 40 (withdrawn): The method of claim 39, said panning further comprising sequencing along the identified panning direction between the two identified faces according to the identified panning direction parameter.

Claim 41 (currently amended): One or more computer readable media encoded with a computer program ~~processor-readable storage devices having processor readable code embodied thereon, said processor-readable code~~ for programming one or more processors to perform a method of generating one or more new digital still images using an original digitally-acquired still image including a face, the method comprising:

(a) identifying one or more groups of pixels that correspond to a face within the original digitally-acquired still image, including determining within the one or more groups of pixels (i) a relationship between two or more facial features, (ii) a structurally-invariant facial feature, or (iii) a correlation with a stored standard or learned face pattern, of the one or more groups of pixels, or combinations thereof;

(b) based on the identifying of the one or more groups of pixels that correspond to a face and at least on information relating to location, position, orientation, or other spatial parameter of the face, or focus, white balance, color balance, or exposure of the face, or combinations thereof, selecting a portion of the original still image for processing to include the group of pixels; and

(c) automatically generating values of pixels of one or more new still images based on the selected portion in a manner which always includes the face within the one or more new still images which differ from the original digitally-acquired still image by including at least one group of pixels modified at least in their location, position, orientation, or other spatial parameter of the face, or focus, white balance, color balance, or exposure of the face, or combinations

thereof, as compared with the one or more groups of pixels identified in the original digitally-acquired still image.

Claim 42 (currently amended): The one or more computer readable media storage devices as recited in claim 41, the method further comprising gradually displaying a transformation between said original digitally-acquired image and one or more new images.

Claim 43 (currently amended): The one or more computer readable media storage devices as recited in claim 42, the method further comprising adjusting parameters of said transformation between said original digitally-acquired image and one or more new images.

Claim 44 (currently amended): The one or more computer readable media storage devices as recited in claim 43, wherein said parameters of said transformation between said original digitally-acquired image and one or more new images being selected from a set of at least one or more criteria including timing or blending or a combination thereof.

Claim 45 (currently amended): The one or more computer readable media storage devices as recited in claim 44, wherein said blending including dissolving, flying, swirling, appearing, flashing, or screening, or combinations thereof.

Claim 46 (currently amended): The one or more computer readable media storage devices of claim 45, wherein the selected portion comprising a zoom region and a new image comprising a zoomed image including the face enlarged by the zooming.

Claim 47 (currently amended): The one or more computer readable media storage devices of claim 46, the method further comprising:

(d) determining a point of rotation and an amount of rotation after which another image is automatically generated including a rotated version of the face.

Claim 48 (currently amended): The one or more computer readable media storage devices of claim 46 [[6]], the method further comprising:

(d) determining one or more further new images each including a new group of pixels corresponding to the face; and

(e) automatically panning using the one or more further new images.

Claim 49 (currently amended): The one or more computer readable media storage devices of claim 48, wherein each of the one or more further new images including pixels corresponding to features different from at least one other image of the one or more further new images.

Claim 50 (currently amended): The one or more computer readable media storage devices of claim 48, the method further comprising:

(f) determining a point of rotation and an amount of rotation after which another image is automatically generated including a rotated version of the face.

Claim 51 (currently amended): The one or more computer readable media storage devices of claim 46, the method further comprising determining a point of rotation and an amount of rotation such that the generating ~~manipulating~~ of the values of the pixels automatically generates a new image including a rotated version of the face by rotating the image about said point of rotation by said amount of rotation.

Claim 52 (currently amended): The one or more computer readable media storage devices of claim 51, the method further comprising:

- (d) determining one or more further new images each including a new group of pixels corresponding to the face; and
- (e) automatically panning using the one or more further new images.

Claim 53 (currently amended): The one or more computer readable media storage devices of claim 52, wherein each of the one or more further new images including pixels corresponding to features different from at least one other image of the one or more further new images.

Claim 54 (currently amended): The one or more computer readable media storage devices of claim 46, wherein the generating ~~manipulating~~ of the values generating one or more new images each including a new group of pixels corresponding to the face, and the method further comprising generating a panning sequence comprising a sequence of at least two of the original image and the one or more new images.

Claim 55 (currently amended): The one or more computer readable media storage devices of claim 54, wherein each of the one or more new images including pixels corresponding to features different from at least one other image of the one or more new images.

Claim 56 (withdrawn): One or more processor readable storage devices having processor readable code embodied thereon, said processor readable code for programming one or more processors to perform a method of generating one or more new digital images using an original digitally-acquired image including a face, the method comprising:

(a) identifying one or more groups of pixels that correspond to two or more faces within the original digitally-acquired image;

(b) selecting a portion of the original image to include the group of pixels;
and

(c) automatically generating values of pixels of one or more new images based on the selected portion in a manner which always includes at least one of the two or more faces within the one or more new images or a panning intermediate image between two of the faces of said two or more identified faces or a combination thereof.

Claim 57 (withdrawn): The one or more storage devices of claim 56, the method further comprising panning between the two or more identified faces.

Claim 58 (withdrawn): The one or more storage devices of claim 56, the method further comprising panning from a first face to a second face of the two or more identified faces, and zooming the second face.

Claim 59 (withdrawn): The one or more storage devices of claim 56, the method further comprising de-zooming a first face and panning to a second face, each of the two or more identified faces.

Claim 60 (withdrawn): The one or more storage devices of claim 59, the method further comprising zooming the second face.

Claim 61 (withdrawn): The one or more storage devices of claim 56, said panning comprising identifying a panning direction parameter between said two of the identified faces.

Claim 62 (withdrawn): The one or more storage devices of claim 61, said panning further comprising sequencing along the identified panning direction between the two identified faces according to the identified panning direction parameter.

Claim 63 (currently amended): One or more computer readable media encoded with a computer program ~~processor-readable storage devices having processor readable code embodied thereon, said processor-readable code~~ for programming one or more processors to perform a method of providing an option for generating one or more new digital still images using an original digitally-acquired still image including a face, the method comprising:

(a) identifying one or more groups of pixels that correspond to a face within the original digitally-acquired still image, including determining within the one or more groups of pixels (i) a relationship between two or more facial features, (ii) a structurally-invariant facial feature, or (iii) a correlation with a stored standard or learned face pattern, of the one or more groups of pixels, or combinations thereof;

(b) based on the identifying of the one or more groups of pixels that correspond to a face and at least on information relating to location, position, orientation, or other spatial parameter of the face, or focus, white balance, color balance, or exposure of the face, or combinations thereof, selecting a portion of the original still image for processing to include the group of pixels; and

(c) automatically providing an option for generating values of pixels of one or more new still images based on the selected portion in a manner which always includes the face within the one or more new still images which differ from the original digitally-acquired still image by including at least one group of pixels modified at least in their location, position, orientation, or other spatial parameter of the face, or focus, white balance, color balance, or exposure of the face, or

combinations thereof, as compared with the one or more groups of pixels identified in the original digitally-acquired still image.

Claim 64 (currently amended): The one or more computer readable media storage devices of claim 63, wherein the selected portion comprising a zoom region and a suggested new image comprising a zoomed image including the face enlarged by the zooming.

Claim 65 (currently amended): The one or more computer readable media storage devices of claim 64, the method further comprising:

(d) determining a point of rotation and an amount of rotation after which another suggested image includes a rotated version of the face.

Claim 66 (currently amended): The one or more computer readable media storage devices of claim 64, the method further comprising:

(d) determining one or more further suggested new images each including a new group of pixels corresponding to the face; and

(e) automatically providing an option for generating a panning sequence using at least two of the original image and the one or more further suggested new images.

Claim 67 (currently amended): The one or more computer readable media storage devices of claim 66, wherein each of the one or more further suggested new images including pixels corresponding to features different from at least one other image of the one or more further suggested new images.

Claim 68 (currently amended): The one or more computer readable media storage devices of claim 66, the method further comprising:

(f) determining a point of rotation and an amount of rotation after which another suggested image includes a rotated version of the face.

Claim 69 (currently amended): The one or more computer readable media storage devices of claim 63, the method further comprising determining a point of rotation and an amount of rotation such that the generating ~~manipulating~~ of the values of the pixels automatically providing an option to generate a new image including a rotated version of the face by rotating the image about said point of rotation by said amount of rotation.

Claim 70 (currently amended): The one or more computer readable media storage devices of claim 69, the method further comprising:

(d) determining one or more further suggested new images each including a new group of pixels corresponding to the face; and

(e) automatically providing an option for generating a panning sequence using at least two of the original image and the one or more further suggested new images.

Claim 71 (currently amended): The one or more computer readable media storage devices of claim 70, wherein each of the one or more further suggested new images including pixels corresponding to features different from at least one other image of the one or more further suggested new images.

Claim 72 (currently amended): The one or more computer readable media storage devices of claim 63, wherein the generating manipulating of the values for generating one or more new images each including a new group of pixels corresponding to the face, and the method further comprising automatically providing an option for generating a panning sequence comprising a sequence of at least two of the original image and the one or more new images.

Claim 73 (currently amended): The one or more computer readable media storage devices of claim 72, wherein each of the one or more new images including pixels corresponding to features different from at least one other image of the one or more new images.

Claim 74 (withdrawn): One or more processor readable storage devices having processor readable code embodied thereon, said processor readable code for programming one or more processors to perform a method of providing an option for generating one or more new digital images using an original digitally-acquired image including a face, the method comprising:

(a) identifying one or more groups of pixels that correspond to two or more faces within the original digitally-acquired image;

(b) selecting a portion of the original image to include the group of pixels;
and

(c) automatically providing an option for generating values of pixels of one or more new images based on the selected portion in a manner which always includes at least one of the two or more faces within the one or more new images or a panning intermediate image between two of the faces of said two or more identified faces or a combination thereof.

Claim 75 (withdrawn): The one or more storage devices of claim 74, the method further comprising panning between the two or more identified faces.

Claim 76 (withdrawn): The one or more storage devices of claim 74, the method further comprising panning from a first face to a second face of the two or more identified faces, and zooming the second face.

Claim 77 (withdrawn): The one or more storage devices of claim 74, the method further comprising de-zooming a first face and panning to a second face, each of the two or more identified faces.

Claim 78 (withdrawn): The one or more storage devices of claim 77, the method further comprising zooming the second face.

Claim 79 (withdrawn): The one or more storage devices of claim 74, said panning comprising identifying a panning direction parameter between said two of the identified faces.

Claim 80 (withdrawn): The one or more storage devices of claim 79, said panning further comprising sequencing along the identified panning direction between the two identified faces according to the identified panning direction parameter.

Claim 81 (new): The method of claim 1, wherein the one or more new still images comprise a plurality of new still images.

Claim 82 (new): The method of claim 23, wherein the one or more new still images comprise a plurality of new still images.

Claim 83 (new): The one or more computer readable media of claim 41, wherein the one or more new still images comprise a plurality of new still images.

Claim 84 (new): The one or more computer readable media of claim 63, wherein the one or more new still images comprise a plurality of new still images.